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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF ISTVAN DEAK

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1. KASSOF OF IREX TOLD DEPARTMENT TODAY THAT BOARD DISCUSSED DEAK CASE DECEMBER 13 AND DECIDED TO SEND FOLLOWING TELEX TO ROSTA AT 10 A.M. NEW YORK TIME DECEMBER 17.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE EXPULSION FROM HUNGARY OF PROFESSOR DEAK AND UNTIL THERE IS A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE THUS BEEN CREATED THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGES BOARD IS SUSPENDING ALL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED WITH KKI FOR THE 1974-1975 EXCHANGE YEAR INCLUDING THE ACCEPTANCE AND DISPATCH OF NEW NOMINATIONS. IN ADDITION, WE ARE POSTPONING THE

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ARRIVAL OF OUR SCHOLARS MARK AND TRISKA AND REQUEST THAT

SZECHY AND ZADOR NOT COME TO THE UNITED STATES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. END TEXT.

3. KASSOF EXPRESSED IREX'S APPRECIATION FOR COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY, AND SAID BOARD HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH EMBASSY HAD SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS. HE SAID THAT BOARD DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT EXPRESSIONS OF DEEP CONCERN ALONE WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT AND WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE

FUTURE UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE BY IDEOLOGICAL HARDLINERS IN EXCHANGES ENVIRONMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN IMPROVING STEADILY DURING PAST DECADE.

4. HE ADDED THAT ACTIONS ANNOUNCED IN TELEX TO BE SENT TO ROSTA DO NOT PERMANENTLY SEVER IREX-KKI RELATIONS. THEY MERELY SUSPEND NEXT GROUP OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF TWO SCHOLARS FROM EACH SIDE NOW PREPARING TO START THEIR PROGRAMS UNTIL HUNGARIANS HAVE CONVINCED IREX THAT ITS SCHOLARS WILL BE TREATED IN MORE RESPONSIBLE MANNER THAN DEAK WAS. BOARD DECIDED NOT TO ANNOUNCE CANCELLATION OF BINATIONAL CONFERENCES ON MANAGEMENT AND COMPARATIVE LAW SET FOR SPRING 1974 AT COLUMBIA AND CORNELL, BUT MAY DO SO LATER IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT.

5. COMMENT. IREX IS AWARE THAT NEITHER EXPRESSION OF REGRET BY HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES AND PROMISE NOT TO REPEAT DEAK-TYPE EXPULSION NOR RESCISSION OF EXPULSION ORDER IS EVEN REMOTE POSSIBILITY. BOARD IS NOT CERTAIN WHAT HUNGARIANS COULD DO TO SATISFY IT THAT OTHER AMERICAN IREX SCHOLARS CAN GO TO HUNGARY WITH REASONABLE SENSE OF SECURITY BUT BELIEVES THAT NEXT STEP TOWARD ACCEPTABLE EXCHANGE RELATIONSHIP IS UP TO HUNGARIANS. IN ANY CASE, EXACT NATURE OF HUNGARIAN RESPONSE WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO IREX IS NEGOTIABLE, ACCORDING TO KASSOF. BOARD BELIEVES THAT MANNER OF EXPULSION AND UNSATISFACTORY EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY HUNGARIANS NOT ACCEPTABLE BASIS TO CONTINUE EXCHANGES AND IS CONVINCED THAT ACTIONS IT INTENDS TO TAKE ARE MILDEST POSSIBLE MEASURES WHICH HAVE ANY PROMISE OF GETTING RESULTS. WE SHARE IREX'S VIEW THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOME ACTION STRONGER THAN VERBAL PROTEST IS DESIRABLE RESPONSE TO HUNGARIANS' FRIVOLOUS RATIONALE FOR DEAK EXPULSION AND BELIEVE THAT STEPS PROPOSED BY IREX WILL NOT CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM CURTAILMENT WHICH COULD DAMAGE OTHER EXCHANGES OR OTHERWISE HURT OUR INTERESTS IN HUNGARY.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM IREX SCHOLARS NOW IN HUNGARY

OF ACTIONS ANNOUNCED IN KASSOF TELEX TO ROSTA.

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